

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 09/900,881

Group Art Unit: 1724

Inventor(s): Bikson, et al.

Filed: July 10, 2001

Title: INTERNAL HOLLOW FIBER
MEMBRANE GAS DRYER AND
FILTRATION DEVICE

Examiner: Spitzer

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

(A) Extension of Time and Requisite Fee:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

- (1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:

7/9/03

(Month/Day/Year)

- (2) Statutory Period Expires
- 10/9/03

(Month/Day/Year)

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

- | | <u>Fee</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One Month | \$ 110.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Months | \$ 420.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Months | \$ 950.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Months | \$1,480.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid | \$ _____ |
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| (B) <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Fee for Response filed herewith: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment (additional claims) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Brief \$320.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration | \$130.00 |

(C) Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith:

The total fee, in the amount of \$ 950.00, is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Praxair, Inc.

Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113

Dated: October 1, 2003Our Ref: D-21126

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